AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

The invention also relates to apparatus for performing the operations herein. This apparatus may be specially constructed for the required purposes (e.g., software, hardware, and/or firmware, etc.), or it may comprise a general purpose computer selectively activated or reconfigured by a computer program stored in the computer. The instructions of such software, firmware, and computer programs may be stored in a machine readable medium, such as, but is not limited to, machine readable article of manufacture media (any type of disk including floppy disks. optical disks, CD-ROMs, and magnetic-optical disks, read-only memories (ROMs), random access memories (RAMs), erasable programmable ROMs (EPROMs). electrically erasable programmable ROMs (EEPROMs), magnetic or optical cards), machine readable propagated signal media (electrical, optical, acoustical or other forms of prorogated propagated signals (e.g., carrier waves, infrared signals, etc.)) or any type of media suitable for storing electronic instructions.

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